

IN RE: Request for Extended Calling Area from) ORDER
Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head Area to Hilton) REQUESTING
Head Island.) INVESTIGATION
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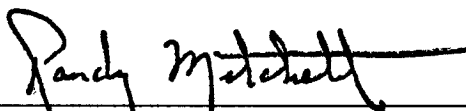
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of a request for Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island. It appears to this Commission that the costs of providing the Extended Calling Area need to be investigated, along with any possible alternatives to the establishment of said Area. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-4-50 (6) (Supp. 2004) states that the Office of Regulatory Staff, upon request by this Commission, can make studies and recommendations to the Commission, with respect to standards, regulations, practices, or service of any public utility. Accordingly, we hereby request that the Office of Regulatory Staff investigate the costs of providing an Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island with the affected utilities, and any possible alternatives to extended area calling. This Commission would request that the Office of Regulatory Staff make its report and recommendation to this Commission within sixty (60) days of its receipt of this Order.

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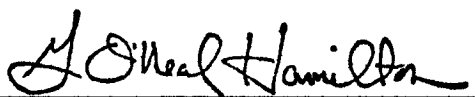
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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